## **ABSTRACT**

## PROCESSOR UTILIZATION MODELING FOR DATA NETWORKING SOFTWARE

Nodes of a communication network are evaluated by calculating the processor occupancy of a processor processing subscriber information at that node. The calculated processor occupancy represents the capacity of the node. The processor occupancy and thus the node capacity is calculated from a traffic model constructed from a linear combination of mathematical equations describing the relationship between a measured processor occupancy value for a particular type of information and a particular data rate.